AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Pending Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a system comprising a central service facility connected to a remotely located medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system of a particular system type via a network, comprising the steps of:

selecting a training video via an operator input to a medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system of said particular system type, wherein said training video shows one or more of the following: how to operate a medical diagnostic imaging system of said particular system type, how to perform an examination of a particular exam type on a patient using a medical diagnostic imaging system of said particular system type or how to make a diagnosis during an examination of said particular exam type performed using a medical diagnostic imaging system of said particular system type;

sending a training video request from said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system to said central service facility via said network, said training video request comprising an identifier identifying said selected training video and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system;

in response to receipt of said training video request and said source system identifier at said central service facility, verifying whether the medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system identified by said source system identifier has a valid subscription; [[and]]

~~declining to retrieve video and audio data of said selected training video from a video library if the medical diagnostic scanning system identified by said source system identifier does not have a valid subscription.~~

retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from a video library following receipt of said training video request at said central service facility only if the medical diagnostic imaging system identified by said source system identifier has a valid subscription;

sending said video and audio data of said selected training video from said central service facility to said medical diagnostic imaging system via said network;

displaying said video data and playing said audio data on said medical diagnostic imaging system;

viewing said displayed data and listening to said audio data on said medical diagnostic imaging system; and

subsequent to said viewing step, performing an examination of said particular exam type on a patient using said medical diagnostic imaging system, said viewing step and said examination of said particular exam type being performed by the same person.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A system comprising a central service facility connected to a multiplicity of remotely located medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging systems via a network, wherein each of said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging systems is of a respective system type that is a member of a group of system types and comprises a display screen, a graphical user interface for selecting a training video, means for formulating a training video request comprising an identifier identifying the training video selected by the user and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system, which source system identifier is stored in memory in said medical diagnostic imaging system ~~scanning~~ and is automatically retrieved and included in the training video

request in response to selection of the training video by the user, and means for sending the training video request from said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system to said central service facility via said network in response to selection of the training video by the user, and wherein said central service facility comprises a video server which is programmed to perform the following steps:

retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from a video database following receipt of said training video request; and

sending said video and audio data of said selected training video to said network addressed to said medical diagnostic imaging system, and

wherein said central service facility further comprises a memory for storing said video database, said video database memory being accessed by said video server to perform said retrieving step, wherein said video database comprises a respective training video for each system type that shows one or more of the following: how to operate a medical diagnostic imaging system of said respective system type, how to perform an examination of a particular exam type on a patient using a medical diagnostic imaging system of said respective system type or how to make a diagnosis during an examination of said particular exam type performed using a medical diagnostic imaging system of said respective system type, whereby the user of any one of said multiplicity of medical diagnostic imaging systems can view a requested training video about how to use said one medical diagnostic imaging system on said display screen of said medical diagnostic imaging system.

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 6, wherein said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system

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further comprises ~~a display screen,~~ an audio speaker and a video/audio player for displaying said video data on said display screen and outputting said audio data to said audio speaker.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said central service facility comprises:

a license server programmed to verify whether ~~said~~ the medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system identified by said source system identifier has a valid subscription in response to receipt of said training video request at said central service facility; and

an application server coupled to said license server and programmed to decline said training video request if said license server communicates that the medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system identified by said source system identifier does not have a valid subscription.

Claims 10-22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A system comprising a video library accessible to a multiplicity of remotely located medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging systems via a network, wherein each of said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging systems is of a respective system type that is a member of a group of system types and comprises:

a display screen;

means for selecting a training video;

means for formulating a request to view said training video, said training video request comprising an identifier identifying said selected training video and a source system identifier identifying said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system, which source system identifier is stored in memory in

said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system and is automatically retrieved and included in the training video request in response to selection of the training video by the user; and

a communications module for sending said training video request from said medical diagnostic ~~scanning~~ imaging system to said video library via said network, and wherein said video library comprises a video database and a video server which is programmed to perform the following steps:

retrieving video and audio data of said selected training video from said video database following receipt of said training video request; and

sending said video and audio data of said selected training video to said network addressed to said medical diagnostic imaging system, and

wherein said video database comprises a respective training video for each system type that shows one or more of the following: how to operate a medical diagnostic imaging system of said respective system type, how to perform an examination of a particular exam type on a patient using a medical diagnostic imaging system of said respective system type or how to make a diagnosis during an examination of said particular exam type performed using a medical diagnostic imaging system of said respective system type, whereby the user of any one of said multiplicity of medical diagnostic imaging systems can view a requested training video about how to use said one medical diagnostic imaging system on said display screen of said medical diagnostic imaging system.

Claims 24-28 (Canceled).